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For: DUSTPROOF COVER FOR A CONNECTOR  
AND PREFITTING DUSTPROOFING  
STRUCTURE FOR A CONNECTOR

Commissioner for Patents  
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application and before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

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